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REMARKS

The undersigned requests a personal interview with the Examiner in charge of this application.

Claims 5-8 and 13-15 were rejected as being unpatentable over Amburgey 2002/0131262 in view of Gardner 6,891,478.

Amburgey discloses a surface mounted night light and socket assembly. In the present invention, the night light is embedded within the receptacle which is transparent or translucent. In one embodiment, the night light is between the sockets while in another embodiment the night light is along the perimeter of the receptacle face, still embedded within the receptacle. See page 33 of the specification. This is not taught or suggested in this reference.

Gardner has a system for controlling electrical appliances and was cited for sensing loads and comparing with a threshold value. Multiple lights are also employed.

The Examiner did not cite any art in which either a night light is embedded within a transparent or translucent receptacle or multiple lights are embedded within the receptacle with either light indicating the status of the load in the circuit.

Claim 5 has been extensively amended to recite the lighting element embedded within the receptacle behind the front face, a feature not found in the above art. Depending claim 7 has been amended to recite that the light element is between the electrical sockets in the front face and claim 8 has been amended to recite that the light element is located along a perimeter of the front face, but embedded within the receptacle. These features, too, are lacking in the above art.

The remaining claims were canceled and a new claim 16 added directed to the two different perimeter lights embedded within the front face of the receptacle, each issuing light of a different color and a microprocessor which determines which light is illuminated depending on the size of the load in the circuit, ie, one light of one color if the load is

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below a threshold value and a different light of another color if the threshold is exceeded. This feature is also lacking in the above art.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the claims remaining clearly distinguish over the art and should be allowed.

A conscientious effort has been made to place this application in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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